मध्य प्रदेश के डाकघरों में सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन

3729 श्री अजीत जोगी :

श्री मूलचंद मीना :

क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश के कितने डाकघरों और उप-डाकघरों में सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन की सुविधा उपलब्ध नहीं है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार इन सभी डाकघरों/उप डाकघरों में यह सुविधा उपलब्ध कराने का विचार रखती है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो यह सुविधा कब तक उपलब्ध कराये जाने की संभावना है ; और

(घ) यदि नहीं तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम) :

(क) 31-3-1994 की स्थिति के अनुसार 8741 डाकघरों और उप-डाकघरों में सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन सुविधा उपलब्ध नहीं है ।

(ख) और (ग) सरकार ने एक नीति अपनाई है जिसके अंतर्गत 31 मार्च, 1995 तक उत्तरोत्तर रूप से सभी ग्राम पंचायतों को टेलीफोन सुविधा प्रदान की जानी है, बशर्ते कि संसाधन उपलब्ध हों । डाकघर केवल एक स्थल है जिसका सुझाव दिया गया है और सभी डाकघरों/उप डाकघरों में सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन सुविधा प्रदान करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

(घ) उपर्युक्त (ख) और (ग) को देखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Social Audit Panel

3730. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Social Audit Panel under the chairmanship of Justice P. N. Bhagvati, was appointed by this Ministry ;

(b) if so, who were its members;

(c) whether it is a fact that in spite of its sincere efforts, the Panel did not get appointment to meet the Minister of State for Communications for the first six months of their appointment;

(d) whether he was avoiding to meet them: if so, what were the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Panel has submitted its report;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether the panel still exists or whether it has been wound up; and

(h) how much money was spent on the Panel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The list of present Members of Social Audit Panel is enclosed as Statement (See below).

(c) No, Sir. The former as well as the present Hon'ble Minister of State (C) have met the Social Audit Panel a number of times since its formation.

(d) Does not arise.

Telecom

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir. The Panel has issued three reports giving about 100 recommendations on various aspects of Telecom Services, out of which 26 have been accepted so far.

Postal

The Panel has submitted the following two Action Reports :—

(i) Action Report No. 1, dated 5-7-92.

(ii) Action Report No. 3, dated 16-12-92.

(g) The term of the Panel has been extended for a period of one year with effect from 1st April, 1994.

(h) The Panel Members are entitled to travelling allowance as per the rules and other facilities necessary for carrying out the assignment. The expenditure on TA/DA incurred on the panel during the year 1992-93 has been of the order of Rs. 1,73,534.

Statement

List of Members of Social Audit Panel

1. Justice P. N. Bhagwati, (Retd.) Chairman
2. Dr. Bhaskar Rao, Eminent Convenor Sociologist.
3. Shri Khuswant Singh, Eminent Member Journalist.
4. Admiral S. Chopra, (Retd.) . Member

5. Air Marshal J. K. Seth (Retd.) Member
6. Shri B. G. Deshmukh, Former Member Cabinet Secretary.
7. Shri K. Satyanarayana Raju, Member Former Minister of Andhra Pradesh.
8. Shri D. D. Thakur, Former Member M.L.A., Himachal Pradesh.

Telephone Directories of Delhi and Bombay

3731. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2537 given in the Rajya Sabha on 17th August, 1993 and state by when the telephone directories of both Bombay and Delhi will be made available by MTNL to customers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : The next main issues of Delhi and Bombay Telephone Directories are expected to be published in July, 1994.

Telephone Density

3732. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of telephone connections per thousand people in India as against the world average;

(b) whether any new policy and plan of action is being or has been laid down to bring India to the world level; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) As on 1-4-94 the number of telephone connections per 1000 population in India is 9 against the World average of around 100.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Under the present plan for the country, the department proposes to reach twenty per thousand by the year 2000.

Telephone Connections in NOIDA

3733. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) total number of telephone connections in existence in NOIDA Uttar Pradesh during 1988, 1989 and 1990, year-wise;

(b) telephone connections located in Sector-14 in NOIDA, year-wise during 1988, 1989 and 1990 with details of each connection, including its particular location ;

(c) whether further extension scheme for NOIDA is contemplated during the current year ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Total number of telephone connections in existence on 1st April :

1988 — 4860
1989 — 6769
1990 — 7155

(b) Total number of connections located in Sector-14 in NOIDA on 1st April :

1988 — 216
1989 — 262
1990 — 297

Details of the locations of each connection will be placed on the Table of the House later.

(c) Yes; Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.
recently.

Telephones sanctioned from MPs' Quota

3734. SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether some priority sanction orders relating to MPs' quota for release of telephone connection on out of turn basis have been received in Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) office in January and February, 1994 from different Chief General Managers of Telecommunications ;